

**Backcountry Project Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Len Abruzzo	X		
Kiel Downing	X		
Bryan Walsh	X		
Scott Gustafson	X		
Tammy Kelly		X	

Also in attendance: Mark Giebel, Mark Gunther, Melissa Park,  
Virtually: Dan DeBacco, Lindsey McKissick, Annakate Hein, Carly Steiger

**II. BUSINESS**

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Introductions- The inaugural meeting began with introductions of board members with Backcountry staff and HRCA Board of Directors (BOD) members in attendance. Melissa Park will serve as HRCA BOD liaison reporting progress of the BPAC back to BOD. Mark Giebel provided an overview of the goals and objectives of the BPAC which is to assist in the planning stages of the proposed Backcountry Project (BP) which will help inform the BOD during decision making.

Mark Giebel provided an overview of BP planning activities to date which included public outreach meetings and the development of a rough plan. Design Concepts is currently developing a more detailed conceptual plan with cost estimates which will be presented to the BOD on March 22, 2022. It is estimated that the Community Involvement Process will be initiated Summer 2022. Upon BOD approval, a final site plan will be developed for submittal to Douglas County approval with the eventual goal of beginning construction in 2024.

Elections- The BPAC agreed to hold committee elections during the next meeting.

Next meeting will be March 1, 2022 at 6:00pm, Southridge Recreation Center.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00p

Respectfully Submitted,

Kiel Downing BPAC member